

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 6, 1995. The main farming activities for the week included: irrigating crops; controlling insects in cotton; harvesting hay, corn silage and sorghum silage. Farmers are busy monitoring fields for budworms, bollworms and armyworms. Most producers are still spraying cotton fields regularly. Sheath blight is appearing in some rice fields. Cattle producers are preparing seedbeds for fall grazing. Soil moisture conditions were rated 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 51 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1994	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	100	100	100	99	0	3	28	49	20
	Dough	94	90	92	85					
	Dent	69	49	61	62					
	Mature	27	8	22	29					
	Silage Harvested	40	30	44	39					
Cotton	Setting Bolls	100	97	99	92	1	6	23	58	12
	Open Bolls	1	—	1	1					
Rice	Heading	80	64	77	60	0	3	35	52	10
	Mature	1	—	5	3					
Sorghum	Heading	92	87	98	85	0	1	36	55	8
	Turning Color	44	30	54	47					
	Mature	4	0	14	18					
	Silage Harvested	7	—	3	17					
Soybeans	Blooming	86	77	85	65	2	7	33	49	9
	Setting Pods	54	44	49	35					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	76	73	—	—	5	11	31	43	10
Peaches	Harvested	82	78	95	94	0	19	24	37	20
Watermelons	Harvested	86	82	86	78	0	19	27	45	9
Peanuts						0	0	3	58	39
Sweetpotatoes						0	2	11	84	3
Cattle						1	4	24	60	11
Pasture						4	7	29	50	10

County Agent Comments

"Cotton insect population remains light, and the early planted fields are approaching cut-out. Sheath blight is appearing in many rice fields. Light looper damage is evident in some soybeans, but remains below treatment thresholds."

— Jay Phelps, Sunflower County

"The row crops and pastures finally received some needed rain. Budworms and bollworms are still in high numbers in the cotton fields. Beet armyworm numbers are increasing, but are still not above thresholds in most places. A few acres were reaching thresholds this week."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Cotton and pine timber are under heavy insect pressure. No insecticides seem to be performing, as we would like for them to, in controlling heliothis larvae. Beef producers are experiencing a tough cost/price squeeze."

— Walter Alford, Montgomery County

"The cotton crop in the county is looking great with the potential for excellent yield. Much needed rain from hurricane Erin was a blessing to all farmers in southeast Mississippi."

— Roger D. Jones, Perry County

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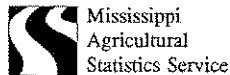
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Weather Summary from July 31, 1995 to August 6, 1995 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	95	72	82	81	+1	0.23	-0.47	1	0.96	100	79	89	0.21
Cleveland	96	72	82			0.90		1	1.77				
Tunica	95	69	81	80	+1	1.36	+0.60	2	5.59	93	80	85	
Extreme/Average	96	69	81	80	+1	0.83	+0.10	1	2.77	100	79	87	0.21
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	93	68	80	78	+2	4.56	+3.87	3	7.34	93	76	84	0.23
Memphis	96	71	82	81	+1	3.17	+2.39	2	10.65				
Oxford	94	69	81	79	+2	3.05	+2.21	3	5.36				
Extreme/Average	96	68	81	79	+1	3.59	+2.82	3	7.78	93	76	84	0.23
3. Northeast													
Booneville	91	72	80	79	+2	0.92	-0.07	4	2.99				
Corinth				79									
Iuka	93	66	78			3.27		3	6.85				
Pontotoc	93	69	81	79	+2	6.37	+5.66	3	8.82	98	77	84	0.17
Tupelo	94	71	82	80	+2	3.68	+2.79	3	4.66				
Verona	95	70	83			3.41		3	4.92	96	76	84	0.23
Extreme/Average	95	66	81	79	+2	3.53	+2.67	3	5.65	98	76	84	0.20
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	96	70	81	81	-0	2.18	+1.23	3	3.79	101	85	92	
Greenwood	96	73	82	81	+2	2.40	+1.64	4	3.90				
Rolling Fork	95	71	81			1.35	+0.61	3	2.52	98	86	91	0.16
Stoneville	94	72	82	81	+1	0.65	+0.03	5	1.70	98	79	87	0.26
Yazoo City	94	73	82	82	+0	1.86	+1.11	6	3.96				
Extreme/Average	96	70	82	81	+1	1.69	+0.93	4	3.17	101	79	90	0.21
5. Central													
Carthage	94	70	81	80	+0	4.47	+3.50	2	6.15				
Jackson	95	71	82	81	+0	4.98	+4.08	5	8.43				
Winona	93	65	77	78	-1	7.80	+7.16	3	11.32				
Extreme/Average	95	65	80	80	-0	5.75	+4.91	3	8.63				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	97	73	84			3.03	+2.10	4	3.97	99	78	87	
Columbus	94	71	81			4.20		4	9.32				
State University				80									
Extreme/Average	97	71	83			3.62	+2.69	4	6.66	99	78	87	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	91	72	81			1.34		4	3.57	96	96	96	
Natchez	92	71	81	81	-0	1.79	+0.44	6	3.07				
Oakley	95	70	81			1.70	+0.83	5	2.80	100	78	86	
Vicksburg													
Extreme/Average	95	70	81	81	-0	1.61	+0.50	5	3.15	100	78	91	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	94	71	81	82	-1	0.51	-0.62	4	4.64				
McComb	98	68	82	80	+1	1.88	+0.41	5	3.12				
Extreme/Average	98	68	81	81	+0	1.20	-0.10	5	3.88				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	96	71	81			1.80		4	4.30	98	76	84	
Hattiesburg	94	73	83	81	+2	4.11	+2.76	3	8.40				
Laurel				81									
Meridian	97	69	82	81	+1	4.59	+3.70	6	5.51				
Newton	98	68	81	80	+1	8.85	+7.73	3	9.50	100	76	84	0.20
Extreme/Average	98	68	82	81	+1	4.84	+3.72	4	6.93	100	76	84	0.20
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis													
Biloxi	97	74	83	82	+1	5.21		3	7.74				
Gulfport	94	74	83	82	+1	1.58	-0.18	5	4.04				
Pascagoula	92	71	78	82	-4	7.15	+5.11	4	13.68				
Poplarville	93	70	81	81	-0	1.42	-0.10	5	6.06	92	77	84	0.25
Extreme/Average	97	70	81	82	-1	3.84	+2.07	4	7.88	92	77	84	0.25
State	98	65	81	81	+1	3.05	+2.03	4	5.65	101	76	86	0.22

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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